any communication regarding the construction of a new Wazirabad, bridge. ASI has obtained the details of the proposed bridge and it is noted that the new bridge is likely to come up beyond 300 metres of the centrally protected monument at Wazirabad.

The implementing agency has been requested to ensure that during the construction of the proposed bridge, no damage is caused to any of the centrally protected monuments.

Memorial of Colonel William Lambton

2739. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR : Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the memorial to Colonel William Lambton, Surveyor General of India from year 1799 till his death and the first cartographer of modern India is struggling for space;

(b) whether it is a fact that a sprawling slum completely dwarfs his forlorn tomb on Nagpur-Hyderabad, highway, and there are no plaques, no boards even outside the structure; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to prevent the structure?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (c) The monument of Colonel William Lambton, Surveyor-General of India has not been declared as a monument of National importance and as such this does not come within the purview of the Central Government. However, the Government of Maharashtra is being requested to take necessary action in this regard.

Fund for memorials

2740. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA : Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have ensured that the memorials dedicated to the political leaders of yore are maintained well;

(b) if so, the funds granted for maintenance of each memorial for the current year ;

(c) the funds utilized so far for each memorial;

(d) whether Government have also approved Rs. 3.25 crore to impart uniformity to the grandeur of these complexes;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether Government are spending Rs. 2 crore per annum to keep round the clock vigil on the monuments; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (g) Ministry of Culture operates a scheme for providing grant-in-aid to Voluntary Organizations/Societies for Development and Maintenance of National Memorials. Financial assistance is provided for the following categories of Memorials:—

(i) Memorials set up on the initiative of the Central Government;

(ii) Memorials set up on the intiative of the State Government and/or civic bodies; and

(iii) Memorials set up by voluntary organizations.

The Memorials which are under the administrative control of this Ministry are provided funds under the regular budget and the funds under the Scheme are allocated for the Memorials under the categories (ii) and (iii) above.

Fund allocation to Jaisalmer Fort

2741. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:
DR. AKHILESH DAS:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Monument Fund has contributed Rs. 599 lakh for work on the Jaisalmer Fort;

(b) if so, whether foreign funds have also been made available for restoration or maintenance of other prominent Indian historical sites; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?